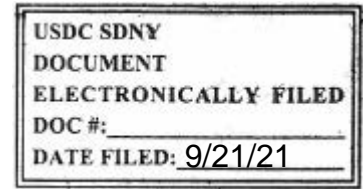


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



Linda F. Phelps, *as Administratrix of the Estate of John J. Grimes*,

Plaintiff,

—v—

CBS Corporation f/k/a Viacom, Inc., *et al.*,

Defendants.

17-cv-8361 (AJN)

ORDER

ALISON J. NATHAN, District Judge:

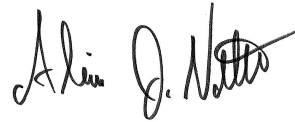
The Court is in receipt of Defendant Crane Co.'s letter seeking clarification on pretrial submissions in this case. Dkt. No. 94. The Court hereby ADJOURNS all pending deadlines and hearings in this case. The parties are ORDERED to meet and confer to discuss settlement and potential trial dates. The parties previously indicated in their revised case management plan that this case is to be tried to a jury. Dkt. No. 66. Pursuant to the COVID rules for centralized jury trial scheduling in this district, the Court must request a jury trial date for a case. Due to the COVID scheduling rules and the Court's current schedule, including its heavy criminal docket, the Court is not available for a jury trial until April 2022. The parties must bear this in mind in their discussions. The parties may consider whether they wish to consent to the Magistrate Judge for all purposes as the Magistrate Judge will likely be able to try the case sooner.

The parties are FURTHER ORDERED to submit a joint letter on or before October 12, 2021. The joint letter must: (1) confirm that the parties met and conferred and discussed settlement in good faith; (2) if settlement has not been reached, propose trial dates (taking into consideration the Court's above-mentioned availability); (3) indicate whether both parties

consent to the Magistrate Judge for all purposes (the parties should not indicate if only one side consents); and (4) if both sides do not consent, indicate whether the parties wish to be referred to the Magistrate Judge or to the Southern District's Mediation Program for settlement discussions. The Court will set a pretrial submissions schedule, if necessary, after it receives this information.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 21, 2021
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison J. Nathan", is positioned above a horizontal line.

ALISON J. NATHAN
United States District Judge